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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims, and the further remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.